



The actual cost of manufacturing a high grade bicycle has been frequently discussed and various estimates, ranging from \$25 to \$50, have been made. But the actual cost of manufacture has been a closely-kept secret.

Racing with motor cars on some of Omaha's streets, particularly on North Twentieth and Leavenworth, is a common practice among scorchers. The fate of one of their kind in Baltimore is a case in point.

A boy on a bicycle and holding one end of a chain at the other end of which was a vicious-looking bulldog passed down Chestnut street, Philadelphia, the other afternoon.

The bicycle has entered the city canvass in Waco, Tex., as an important adjunct to those candidates seeking to attend several ward meetings the same night.

As a matter of local pride, and to preserve unimpaired the honor of this city, wheelmen of a man, and woman, too, should utter a hot howl against the insulting practice of a Chicago cycle school.

Morning—Runs about the city, to the parks and to the track of New Albany. Century run to Frankfort.

Morning—Trials heats for races. Visits to the tobacco breaks. Afternoon—Races. Evening—Steamboat excursion, for League of American Wheelmen members only.

Stylish Costumes and Novelties on the Road. The modified divided skirt, which is so adroitly arranged that one can notice no singularity in its construction, is now universally adopted by women riders of all classes in the east.

ride the diamond frame without any inconvenience or ungraceful effect. Customers, both native and foreign, are raising their brains to contribute their quota of comfort to the bicycle.

The new bicycle wheel has a great many recommendations. In the first place, as it reaches away up to the knee, it does away with the ordinary gaiters and gaiters.

An inventive manufacturer has put a novelty on the market, which he hopes may appeal to the bicycle woman. It is a kind of skirt, made of a light material, and is fastened to the front of the skirt.

Various Devices Brought Out by the Wheel Craze. A New York man has perfected an electric bicycle battery, which is regarded with much favor in wheeling circles.

A bicycle fire engine has appeared in Paris. The machine has the appearance of two tandem bicycles coupled with a single steering post. Hanging between the two bicycle frames are the hose reel and a rotary pump.

A simple shield has been placed on the market to prevent trousers from being caught in the chain and wheel. It is claimed that this machine is capable of great speed. It is particularly advantageous in ascending hills and riding over rough roads.

A wheel constructed to permit the rider to sit upright was exhibited in New York last week. It has a triangular frame, two sides of which are formed by the front and rear fenders, with the seat on the apex.

The bicycle has been held responsible for many things, some good, others not so, but now comes a western inventor who attributes to the wheel the claim of having discovered the principle of perpetual motion.

Whisperings of the Wheel. Local wheelmen have been compelled to patrocine the street race, a great deal during the past week, as it has been almost impossible for them to ride their wheels owing to the wet weather.

It is refreshing to learn that if Zimmerman cannot beat the Australians that is one American who can, and that this one was formerly a resident of Omaha and has taken up the trade of traveling salesman.

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The following list of called runs for May will give ample opportunity for the members to prepare themselves for the longer one which will be a spin of thirty miles.

Friday, May 15, Council Bluffs, round trip ten miles. A nice evening run. Start 7:15 p. m.

Charles Barnum has leased the old fair grounds and has had the half-mile track put in first class shape for wheelmen who may wish to go through the course of bicycling training. He has also fitted up one of the large buildings formerly known as Floral hall.

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Friday, May 17, Fort Calhoun, round trip thirty-six miles. Some fine scenery and an enjoyable ride. Start 8 a. m.

Friday, May 19, Myer's Springs, round trip fourteen miles. A chance to taste some excellent mineral water and a nice ride. Ask Russell, he will tell you all about it.

Friday, May 22, Ruser's park, round trip ten miles. A short evening run. Start 7:15 p. m.

Friday, May 24, Missouri Valley, round trip sixty-two miles. A chance to view some of Iowa's magnificent scenery and enjoy a good day's outing. Be sure and go. Start 7 a. m.

Friday, May 26, Irvington, round trip sixteen miles. A favorite evening trip out of Omaha. Start 7:15 p. m.

Friday, May 29, Florence, a round trip of fourteen miles and a visit to Omaha's large water works, the American Water Works company, one of the largest plants in the world. Start 7:15 p. m.

Friday, May 31, Kreutz Mills, round trip twenty-two miles. A short run the day following the Decoration day road race. Start 8:30 a. m.

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